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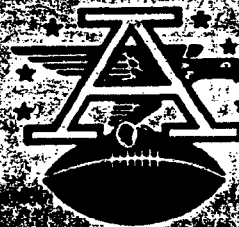
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This Constitution and By-Laws, covering major professional football operations as conducted by the member clubs of the National Football League (NFL) and the member clubs of the American Football League (AFL), has been adopted by the member clubs of both the NFL and the AFL in anticipation of and as a preliminary step toward the complete unification of their operations in an expanded single league in 1970. The provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, as set forth below, will control such operations during the period prior to February 1, 1970 (or such earlier date as may be mutually agreed upon) and are binding upon the two leagues, all member clubs therein, and all officers, stockholders, directors, partners, or employees thereof.

ARTICLE I  
COMMISSIONER

1.1 (a) Pete Rozelle shall serve and act as Commissioner for both the NFL and the AFL.

(b) Any successor to Pete Rozelle as Commissioner must be approved by no less than 12 of the 15 clubs which were members of the NFL in 1966 in addition to the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph (c) hereof.

(c) In addition to the requirements of sub-paragraph (b) above, any successor to the office of Commissioner shall be determined by the affirmative vote of not less than 13 members of the NFL and 8 affirmative votes of member clubs of the AFL.

1.2 The Commissioner, on behalf of the NFL and the AFL, may incur any expense which, in his sole dis-

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- (b) Be the principal executive officer over all other employees or officers of either league, and in that capacity shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of either league.

1.6 The Commissioner shall interpret and from time to time establish policy and procedure in respect to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws governing the operation of Professional Football in both leagues and also may interpret and establish policy and procedure in respect to the Constitution and By-Laws of each league and any enforcement thereunder.

### Game Officials

1.7 The Commissioner shall select and employ a supervisor or supervisors of game officials and shall further select and approve all game officials for all pre-season, regular season, play-off games, including intra and inter-league games in both leagues and the World Championship Game. Each club in both leagues shall have the duty to accept as game officials for any game, such officials as the Commissioner shall assign to such game.

1.8 The Commissioner shall have exclusive authority to arrange for all broadcasting and television rights to the World Championship Game.

### Broadcasts and Television Contracts

1.9 The Commissioner shall have authority to arrange for and negotiate contracts on behalf of both the NFL and the AFL with other persons, firms, leagues or associations, provided, however, that except in instances where the Commissioner is otherwise specifically authorized herein, any contract involving a substantial commitment by either the NFL or the AFL, or any of the clubs therein, shall not be binding unless first approved by the NFL and the AFL in the manner set out in S 4.5 hereof. Nothing in this section contained shall modify or affect any contract in existence in either the NFL or AFL at the time of the adoption of this Constitution.

1.10 The Commissioner shall render an annual report to the NFL and the AFL at each Joint Annual Meeting.

### Reports

### Bond

1.11 The Commissioner shall file and maintain in effect a surety bond in favor of the NFL and the AFL in the sum of \$50,000; said bond shall be conditioned upon faithful performance of the Commissioner of his duties, and shall name the NFL and the AFL as obligees. The expenses for such bond shall be paid and shared by the NFL and the AFL in accordance with the provisions of S 8.1 hereof.

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creation, is necessary to conduct and transact the ordinary business of both leagues, including but not limited to, the leasing of office space, the hiring of employees and other assistance and services; provided, however, that the Commissioner shall not have authority to incur any expense for any extraordinary obligations or make any capital investment on behalf of either the NFL or the AFL without prior approval by the league or leagues so affected.

*Independence* 1.3 The Commissioner shall have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in any professional sport.

1.4 The Commissioner shall have full, complete and final jurisdiction of:

- (a) Any dispute involving member clubs of the NFL and AFL certified to him by either of the disputants.
- (b) Any dispute between any player, coach or other employee of any club in either the NFL or AFL.
- (c) Any dispute between players employed by any club in either league other than disputes unrelated to and outside the course and scope of the employment of such persons as players with any club of either league.
- (d) Any dispute between a player and any official employed by either league, or any dispute between any club and any official in either league.
- (e) Any dispute involving a person owning an interest in a club in either league, or any players or employees of any such club of either league, or any combination thereof that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, constitutes conduct detrimental to the best interests of professional football as conducted by the member clubs of the NFL and AFL.

Every dispute submitted or assigned to the Commissioner for decision and any dispute over which the Commissioner assumes jurisdiction pursuant to this Constitution shall be considered as having been submitted under and governed by the arbitration laws of the State of New York and all decisions by the Commissioner shall be binding and enforceable under said arbitration laws of the State of New York as now or hereafter in effect.

1.5 The Commissioner shall:

- (a) Preside at all joint meetings of the AFL and the NFL.

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1.12 (A) Whenever the Commissioner, after notice and hearing, decides that an owner, shareholder, partner or holder of an interest in any club, or any player, coach, officer, director or employee thereof, or an officer, employee or official of either the NFL or the AFL has either violated this Constitution and By-Laws or the Constitution and By-Laws of the NFL or the AFL, or has been or is guilty of conduct detrimental to the welfare of Professional Football, or of either the NFL or the AFL, then the Commissioner shall have authority to:

- (a) Suspend and/or fine such person in an amount not in excess of \$5,000, and/or
- (b) Cancel any contract or agreement of such person with the NFL or the AFL, or with any club or clubs in either league.
- (c) In cases involving a violation of the prohibitions against tampering and set forth in Sections 10.1 (C)(10), 10.1(C)(11), 10.1(C)(12), 10.2 and 12.1(B) hereof, award or transfer selection choices and/or deprive the offending club of a selection choice or choices.

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Commissioner*

(B) Whenever the Commissioner determines that any punishment or discipline which he has power to impose pursuant to §1.12A above, is not adequate or sufficient considering the nature and gravity of the offense involved, he may refer the matter to the league or leagues which in his sole discretion he deems to be affected thereby, whether NFL, AFL, or both, with a recommendation that the following additional or increased penalties or discipline be imposed; provided, however, that the matter of additional punishment or discipline of any such person in one league shall not be referred for determination solely by members of the other League.

- (1) Cancellation or forfeiture of the franchise of the club in the affected league; if such occurs, the affected franchise shall be sold and disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the affected league.
- (2) Cancellation or forfeiture of the interest in a club or in the franchise thereof owned by the person involved or implicated therein; if such occurs, the interest held by any person so implicated shall be sold and disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the affected league.
- (3) Declare one or more players of the offending club to be a free agent, or that one or more player

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contracts therein held by the offending club be assigned to another club or clubs.

- (4) Assignment to another club or a nominee of the League in which such club holds a franchise, of the lease on any stadium or playing field held for or owned by the offending club or by any person owning any interest thereof.
- (5) Assignment to one or more clubs of a player or players or awarding or transferring selection choices from the Selection or Reserve Lists of the offending club.
- (6) Require the sale of any stock or interest in a club held by any such offending person by the method and under the procedure specified under the Constitution and By-Laws of the affected league.
- (7) Make any other recommendation he deems appropriate. Any recommendation by the Commissioner for additional punishment or discipline under the circumstances referred to in §1.12B must be approved or ratified by the affirmative vote of not less than 13 members of the NFL, if such league is affected, or by 8 members of the AFL, if such league is affected; any such decision shall be final, conclusive and unappealable. Any person involved in or affected by any such decision agrees to release and waive any and all claims that such party may now or hereafter have or possess arising out of or in connection with such decision against the Commissioner, individually and in his official capacity as well as against either league and against any officer or employee thereof, and any member club holder or partner of a member club or the holder of any interest therein, whether for damages or for any other remedy or relief; the word "person", for the purpose of this section shall mean and include a club of either the NFL or the AFL, and any owner, officer, shareholder, or partner thereof, or anyone holding any interest therein. The membership of a club or the interest of any person owning a share or interest therein can only be suspended or terminated pursuant to and in accordance with the procedure specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the affected league.

(C) Whenever the Commissioner, after notice and hearing, determines that a person employed by or connected with either league, or any club therein, has bet

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money or any other thing of value on the outcome or score of any game or games played by any clubs in either league, or has had knowledge of or has received an offer, directly or indirectly, to control, fix or bet money or other consideration on the outcome or score of a professional football game and has failed to report the same in the manner hereinafter prescribed, then the Commissioner shall have complete and unrestricted authority to impose any or all of the following penalties:

- (1) Suspend such person indefinitely or for a prescribed period of time.
- (2) Bar such person from professional football in the NFL or AFL for life.
- (3) Cancel or terminate the contract of such person in either league or with any club thereof.
- (4) Require the sale of any stock or other interest of such offending person of any club by the method and under the procedure specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the league with which said club is identified.
- (5) Fine such person in an amount not in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).
- (6) Cancel or declare to be forfeited any interest in a club or in the franchise issued by either league owned by any person so involved; in such event, any interest of the offending person so implicated in the club or any stock owned by such person in any club shall be sold under the procedure prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the affected league.
- (7) Assign to another club in the same league the lease of any stadium or playing field held for or owned by the offending club or any person owning any interest therein.
- (8) Assign to one or more other clubs, players on the Selection or Reserve Lists of the offending club.
- (9) Impose such other or additional punishment or discipline as the Commissioner may decide.

If the person involved is a player in either league, such player is obligated to report immediately such incident to the head coach, owner or managing officer of the club with which he is affiliated. If the person involved is either an owner, officer, director, shareholder or partner of a club, or owns or holds an interest therein, or is a coach or employee (other than a player) thereof, such

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report shall be made promptly to the Commissioner. Any decision by the Commissioner under the circumstances referred to herein shall be final, conclusive and unappealable. All persons involved in or affected by any such decision agree to release and waive any and all claims arising out of or connected with such decision that such person may now have or hereafter possess against the Commissioner individually or in his official capacity as well as against either the NFL or the AFL or any officer or employee thereof, and against every club therein and any director, officer, shareholder or partner thereof, or against the holder of any interest therein either for damages or for any other remedy or relief. The word "person" wherever used in this sub-section shall mean and include a club or any club owner, official, stockholder and partner thereof, or anyone holding any interest therein, as well as a coach, player or other employee thereof; it shall also include an officer or employee of either league or any official or person employed by either league.

(D) Whenever the Commissioner finds in his sole and exclusive discretion that any person, whether or not connected or affiliated with either league or a club therein, is guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of either or both leagues, or to Professional Football, then in addition to his other powers prescribed in this Constitution and By-Laws, the Commissioner shall have the right to bar and prohibit such person from entry into any stadium or park used by either league or its member clubs or affiliates thereof for the practice or exhibition of Professional Football.

(E) The Commissioner shall have authority to change, reduce, modify, remit, or suspend any fine, suspension, or other discipline imposed by the Commissioner which did not require approval of the leagues or clubs therein.

(F) The Commissioner shall have the power without a hearing, to disapprove contracts between a player and a club in either the NFL or AFL, if such contract has been executed in violation of and contrary to this Constitution or the Constitution and By-Laws of the applicable league, or if either or both of the parties to such contract have been or are guilty of an act or conduct which is or may be detrimental to either league or to the sport of professional football. Any such disapproval of a contract between a player and a club shall be exercised by the Commissioner upon the written notice to the contracting parties within ten (10) days after such contracts are filed with the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall

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also have the power to disapprove any contract between any club and a player or any other person, at any other time pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws.

(G) The Commissioner shall have the power to hear and determine disputes between clubs in respect to any matter certified to him by either or both of the clubs; he shall also have the power to settle and determine any controversy between two clubs which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, involves or affects league policy or the Professional Football as conducted by the member clubs of the NFL or of the AFL.

(H) The Commissioner shall have the right to propose amendments or modifications to this Constitution and By-Laws by submitting amendments or modifications thereof in writing to the NFL and the AFL no less than twenty (20) days prior to the holding of any joint meeting of the NFL and the AFL.

## Removal

1.13 In the event that the Commissioner shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or be physically or mentally incapacitated from performing his duties or shall fail or refuse to abide by this Constitution and By-Laws, or in the event the Commissioner fails or is unwilling to perform his duties, then the leagues shall have the power to suspend or remove the Commissioner provided such action is first approved by thirteen (13) affirmative votes of the clubs of NFL and eight (8) affirmative votes of the clubs of the AFL.

## ARTICLE II

### COVENANTS AND OBLIGATIONS

2.1 Both the NFL and AFL and the member clubs thereof, and each and all of the owners, officers, stockholders, directors or partners therein, as well as any other person owning any interest in a club, agree that:

- (a) They, and each of them, shall be bound by and will observe all decisions of the Commissioner in all matters within his jurisdiction.
- (b) They, and each of them, shall be bound by and will observe all decisions, rulings and action of the Executive Committee of their league, in every matter within the jurisdiction of such Executive Committee.
- (c) They and each of them, waive any and all claims or demands, whether for damages or otherwise,

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which they, or any of them, might now or hereafter possess against the Commissioner, individually or in his official capacity, as well as against any member club or any officer, director, owner, stockholder, or partner thereof, or the holder of any interest in any member club in connection with or by reason of any decision, ruling, or action of the Commissioner or the applicable league in reference to any matter within their respective jurisdiction.

- (d) They, and each of them, shall include in every contract between any member club and its employees, including coaches and players, a clause wherein the parties to such contract agree to be bound by this Constitution and By-Laws.
- (e) They, and each of them, agree to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws as now or hereafter in effect.
- (f) They, and each of them, agree to play all games in their respective league and to conduct the business and other affairs of such league in accordance with and subject to the terms and provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws and the Constitution and By-Laws of their league as now in effect or as hereinafter amended; it is further agreed that wherever the terms and provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of either League conflict with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws shall govern and prevail, and any provision of the Constitution and By-Laws of either League which is omitted from this Constitution and By-Laws and which is not in conflict with a provision hereof, shall remain in full force and effect.

## ARTICLE III

### DEFINITIONS

3.1 For the purposes of this Constitution:

- (a) "Home Club" means the club at whose stadium a game is played; provided, however, that if, in the World Championship Game or in any pre-season game between teams in opposing leagues, the game is not played in the home city of one of the

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competing clubs, neither club shall be deemed to be the Home Club.

*Visiting Club*

- (b) "Visiting Club" means a club whose team is playing a game at the stadium of another club; provided, however, that if, in the World Championship Game or in any pre-season game between teams in opposing leagues, the game is not played in the home city of one of the competing clubs, neither club shall be deemed to be the Visiting Club.

## ARTICLE IV

## JOINT MEETINGS

*Annual Meeting*

- 4.1 The Annual Joint Meeting of the NFL and AFL shall be held not earlier than the second Monday in February of each year and not later than April 1 in such year; such meeting shall be held on such date and at such places and times as the Commissioner shall designate in the notices of the meeting.

*Special Meeting*

- 4.2 Special Joint meetings may be held at any place upon call by the Commissioner.

*Notice*

- 4.3 (A) Written notice of the time and place of holding any Joint Annual Meeting shall be given to each club at least thirty (30) days in advance of the day fixed for such Joint Annual Meeting, and at least seven (7) days in advance of the day fixed for any Joint Special Meeting.

(B) Notice of a Joint Special Meeting shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. The notice of the Annual Meeting must state the time and place of the meeting, but not the purpose; if any amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws are to be considered at the Joint Annual Meeting, the submission of such proposals must be in accordance with Article 22.1 hereof.

(C) Notice of meetings may be waived by the consent of all member clubs of both Leagues.

*Voting and Representation*

- 4.4 At each Joint Meeting each club shall be limited to two (2) representatives; each club shall be limited to one (1) vote upon any matter presented at the meeting. Each member shall file with the Commissioner within the time designated by the Commissioner a written designation of the representatives and any alternate to vote and act for its club. The Commissioner or other presiding officer may require proof satisfactory to the Commissioner:

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the presiding officer of the authority of any representative to represent a member.

- 4.5 Number of Votes. Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, the affirmative vote of not less than 13 votes of clubs of the NFL and 8 votes of clubs of the AFL at any annual or special meeting shall be required for action.

4.6 Order of Business at Joint Annual Meeting. The order of business for the Joint Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

Roll Call  
Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
Report of Commissioner  
Report of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

*Conduct of Meeting*

- 4.7 Conduct of Meeting. Except in respect to matters covered specifically in this Constitution and By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in all joint meetings; provided, however, that any action taken in any joint meeting involving a matter not covered specifically in this Constitution and By-Laws shall require the consent of thirteen (13) clubs of the NFL and eight (8) clubs of the AFL.

*Action Without a Meeting*

- 4.8 Action without a Meeting. Any action or resolution which may be taken or adopted at a joint meeting may be taken or adopted by an instrument in writing signed by all clubs of both leagues.

## ARTICLE V

## COMMITTEES

*Appointment of Committees and Authority*

- 5.1 The Commissioner and/or either league may appoint such committees as he or they deem necessary or appropriate. All committees shall have only such authority as the member clubs in both leagues shall decide by the affirmative vote of not less than thirteen (13) clubs of the NFL and by the affirmative vote of not less than eight (8) clubs of the AFL. All committees shall act under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner who shall be an ex officio member of each committee with no right to vote, unless such right shall be granted pursuant to the resolutions establishing such committee or committees.

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## ARTICLE VI

## TEAM UNIFORMS

*Conflicting  
Club Colors*

6.1 (A) The home club shall have the option of deciding whether the visiting club shall wear white jerseys or shall wear the colors awarded to the visiting team in the league with which it is identified in any intra-league or inter-league game (regular or pre-season). The home club is obligated to give written notice to the visiting club and to the Commissioner, of its decision on the colors of the jerseys to be worn by the visiting club, which notification must be given by July 1st of the year in which the game is scheduled to be played. If either participating club fails to conform to the jersey colors designated for such game, then there shall be an automatic fine against the offending club of \$5,000, which sum shall be payable to the Office of the Commissioner. Despite the foregoing, in the event that the colors of the participating teams as so designated are in conflict for an intra-league or inter-league game (regular or pre-season), the Commissioner shall have the right to designate the colors to be used by the competing teams in such game.

(B) Provided written approval is obtained from the Commissioner, neither club in inter-league games shall be required to wear white jerseys but shall be permitted to wear the colors awarded to their respective club.

(C) Anything in sub-paragraphs (A) and (B) of this §6.1 to the contrary notwithstanding, if any game, including the World Championship Game, is played between clubs in opposing leagues, and such game is played in a city other than in city of the competing clubs, then the colors awarded to such teams by its respective league may be worn by the competing teams unless such colors are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, conflicting; in such event, if competing teams are unable to agree upon the colors to be worn by each team in such game, the Commissioner shall have the right to designate the colors to be used by the competing teams in such game.

## ARTICLE VII

## TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

*Home Territory* 7.1 "Home Territory" with respect to any club in either league means the city in which such club is located and for which it holds a franchise and plays its home games and includes the surrounding territory to the ex-

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tent of 75 miles in every direction from the exterior corporate limits of such city except as follows:

(A) Whenever any two clubs, whether or not members of the same league, other than the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders, are located and hold franchises for different cities within 100 miles of each other measured from the exterior corporate limits of such city, then the territorial rights of each of such clubs shall only extend to and include an area of one-half the distance between such cities.

(B) The "Home Territory" of the Green Bay Packers shall extend to and include all of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, despite the fact that portions of such County are outside the 75 mile limits from the exterior corporate limits of the City of Green Bay.

7.2 Each club in each league will have the exclusive right within its own territory to exhibit professional football games played by teams in either league, except that:

*Territorial Rights of Members*

(A) Whenever two clubs in the same or different leagues hold franchises and are located in the same city, then the owners of each of said franchises shall have equal rights within the home territory of such city.

(B) In respect to the San Francisco and Oakland franchises, the following provisions shall apply:

(i) The Home Club in each city shall have the exclusive right to exhibit professional football games played by teams in either league in its city, and neither the San Francisco club nor the Oakland club shall have any right to play professional football in the city of the other without the consent of the other club.

(ii) In respect to the area included in the home territory of both of said clubs, but located outside the city limits of both cities, both clubs shall have joint rights of exclusivity and both of said clubs may play games with other clubs in either league (subject to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws) within such area without the consent of the club also operating in the same home territory or any part thereof.

(C) Subject to the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs (A) and (B) above, no club in either

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league shall be permitted to play games within the home territory of any other club in either league unless a home club is a participant. No franchise shall be granted by either league for operation within a home territory which overlaps the home territory of a present member of either league without the prior written consent of such member.

(D) Despite the foregoing provisions, in the event the Baltimore franchise is forfeited or surrendered, or is transferred to a city other than Baltimore, all rights to the Baltimore territory shall revert in the Washington Redskins, and the area included in the Baltimore territory shall be reconstituted and become part of the home territory of the Washington Redskins.

**Territorial Rights of League**

7.3 Each league shall have exclusive control of the exhibition of football games by its member clubs in the home territory of its member clubs subject to the rights herein granted to member clubs of both leagues under this Article VII. The home cities of the NFL are:

Atlanta, Georgia  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Chicago, Illinois  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Dallas, Texas  
Detroit, Michigan  
Green Bay, Wisconsin  
Los Angeles, California  
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
New York, N. Y.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
St. Louis, Missouri  
San Francisco, California  
Washington, D. C.

The home cities of the AFL are:

Boston, Massachusetts  
Buffalo, New York  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Denver, Colorado  
Houston, Texas  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Miami, Florida  
New York, N. Y.  
Oakland, California  
San Diego, California

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7.4 The members of both leagues have the right and agree to operate professional football clubs and play the applicable league schedule in their respective cities located within their home territories as herein above set out, subject to the provisions of this Article VII.

7.5 No member club in either league shall have any right to transfer its club or franchise either to the same or another city located within the territorial limits of a city in which a franchise in either league is presently located, nor shall any new franchise be granted by either league for operation in a city within the territorial limits of the city in which a franchise of either league is presently located, unless such action is approved by the unanimous consent of all member clubs of both leagues.

**ARTICLE VIII****ASSESSMENTS****Assessments**

8.1 Whenever monies are required to meet expenses then upon demand by the Commissioner, each club of both leagues shall be obligated to contribute equally its share of the required monies.

**ARTICLE IX****BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION****Television Limitations**

9.1 Each league shall adopt its own provisions in respect to the right of the member clubs in its league to televise and broadcast any games played by member clubs in its league with the following limitations:

- (a) Pre-season games between teams in different leagues may only be telecast by the visiting team to its home territory. Despite the foregoing, whenever the pre-season game is between the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders, or between the New York Giants and the New York Jets, such game cannot be telecast to the home territory of either participant, or otherwise, without the consent of both participants.
- (b) The sale of radio, television and film rights for the World Championship Game between the two clubs in each league shall be under the sole jurisdiction of the Commissioner.
- (c) The present television commitments in each league shall remain in full force and effect, and neither

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- stockholder, director, partner, or holder of an interest therein.
- (3) Directly or indirectly, loan money or offer any gift or reward or become surety or guarantor for any game official or other official or employee of any club therein.
  - (4) Act as the contracting agent or representative for any player or share or be financially interested in the compensation of any player in the League. Nothing herein shall prevent any player from negotiating on his own behalf or for his own account.
  - (C) No club in either the NFL or the AFL, nor any stockholder, director, officer, partner or person holding an interest therein, nor any officer or employee of either League shall:
    - (1) Publicize or participate in the selection of any mythical All-League or All-Opponent team.
    - (2) Issue a free ticket of admission to a game to any visiting club or player thereof except pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the League with which he is identified.
    - (3) Offer any gift or reward to a player, coach or club for services promised, rendered or to be rendered in defeating or attempting to defeat a competing club.
    - (4) Publicly criticize any club or its management, personnel, employees or coaches and/or any football official employed by the League or any member club of either NFL or AFL; all complaints or criticism in respect to the foregoing shall be made to the Commissioner only, and shall not be publicized directly or indirectly.
    - (5) Directly or indirectly pay a fine for a person who has been so penalized.
    - (6) Permit or state in any game program, or by means of its public address system or otherwise, that it, he, or they, offer or agree, either directly or indirectly, to pay or give money or any other thing of value to any member of the public; neither shall any club or other person referred to in this §10.1 be permitted to participate at any time, directly or indirectly, in any lottery of any kind.
    - (7) Own, directly or indirectly, any interest whatsoever in a professional football organization, league, club, or team not a member of either the NFL or the AFL.

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league shall be in any manner restricted in respect to the right to televise or broadcast its games by reason of provisions contained in any television agreement of the other league.

- (d) Neither league shall make any television agreement or commitment extending beyond February 1, 1970.

- (e) In the World Championship Game:

- (i) The participating clubs may broadcast by radio on a non-exclusive basis from a station located in its home territory; provided, (a) said club contributes to the gross receipts of the game (to be divided in the same manner as game receipts are distributed) a fair and equitable sum fixed by the Commissioner in his sole and absolute discretion; and (b) provided the Commissioner approves all sponsors and broadcasters involved in the game.

- (ii) No television station may carry or broadcast the game if its signal is visible within an area of seventy-five (75) miles from the exterior limits of the city where the game is being played. The Commissioner's decision in this matter shall be final.

- 9.2 Broadcast Facilities. Each club when playing at home shall provide adequate space for use of the visiting club in telecasting and/or broadcasting each game.

## ARTICLE X

### PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- 10.1 Conflicting Interests and Prohibited Conduct.

- (A) The violation of any of the provisions of this Article shall constitute conduct detrimental to professional football as conducted by the member clubs of the NFL and AFL.

- (B) No club, or stockholder, officer, director, partner or employee thereof, and no officer or employee of either league, including a game official, shall:

- (1) Own or have any financial interest directly or indirectly, in any other club of either NFL or AFL.
- (2) Directly or indirectly, loan money to or become surety or guarantor for any other club, or any player, coach, or employee thereof, of any owner,

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- (8) Offer or pay a Player or coach, and no player or coach may receive, any bonus, money or thing of value for winning any game played in NFL or AFL in which any club of either NFL or AFL participates or sponsors.

No club or any representative thereof shall offer to pay, directly or indirectly, to a player, and no player shall receive, any bonus of any kind unless such bonus provision is attached to and/or incorporated in the contract of such player.

- (9) Fail to present its team at a time and place where it is scheduled to play in a pre-season or regular season game, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident in travel or by conditions beyond the control of the member.

- (10) Tamper with players of college teams who are not eligible for play in either the AFL or NFL under the eligibility rules herein set out.

- (11) Tamper with a player or coaches under contract to or the property of another club.

- (12) Offer, agree, conspire, or attempt to illegally influence the outcome of any game participated in by the team of the club or fail to suspend immediately any officer or player or other employee of the club who is proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to influence the outcome of any game or be interested in any pool or wager of any game in which a club participates.

(D) No player, coach, or manager shall, directly or indirectly, own stock or have any financial interest in the ownership or earnings of any club of either AFL or NFL, other than in the club with whom he is employed, and then only under an agreement approved by the member clubs of its league stipulating for the immediate sale (and the terms thereof) of such stock or financial interest therein in the event of his transfer to, employment by, or association with another club. A player, coach, or manager financially interested in another club shall be ineligible to play for, coach or manage the club of any other member while, in the opinion of the Commissioner such interest is retained by or for him, directly or indirectly.

*Tampering*

10.2 Tampering. If a Club or any officer, shareholder, director, partner, employee, agent or representative thereof, or any person holding an interest in said

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club shall tamper, negotiate with, or make an offer to a player on the Active, Reserve or Selection List of another Club, then unless the offender shall clearly prove to the Commissioner that such action was unintentional, the offender, in addition to being subject to all other penalties provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the League with which it is connected and the Constitution and By-Laws hereof shall lose its selection choice in the next succeeding Selection Meeting in the same round in which the affected player was originally chosen; if such affected player was never selected in any Selection Meeting, the Commissioner shall determine the round in which the offending club shall lose its selection choice. Additionally, if the Commissioner decided such offense was intentional, the Commissioner shall have the power to fine the offending club and may award the offended club 50% of the amount of the fine imposed by the Commissioner. In all such cases the offended club must first certify to the Commissioner that such an offense has been committed.

10.3 (A) No coach or administrative or supervisory employees, as hereinafter defined, may be employed by any club without the prior approval of the Commissioner. All coaches must have a written contract: such contract shall be filed in the Commissioner's office promptly following execution, and the terms thereof must be approved by the Commissioner; an administrator or supervisory employee, for the purpose of this section, shall mean a General Manager or any assistant to the President or Executive Officer of the Club.

(B) A veteran player must be paid a full game current season salary and a first-year player a half-game salary for playing in the Chicago Tribune All-Star Game.

(C) No owner or person holding any interest in a club, nor any officer, stockholder, director or partner thereof, nor any employee of either league or a club therein shall enter the dressing room of a game official.

(D) For purposes of this sub-section, a player shall be deemed to be an "active member of the Armed Forces" until he is discharged therefrom or listed as a reserve member of the Armed Forces. No active member of the Armed Forces may play or practice with a club in either League, subject to the following limitations:

(1) In the event of a declaration of war, the Commissioner has the right to suspend this requirement for the duration thereof.

(2) This provision shall not apply to participation in

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the Chicago All-Star Game, nor to any pre-season games.

- (3) This provision shall not apply to any player who has been given a conditional release from the Armed Forces or is on terminal leave.
- (4) Active members of the Armed Forces may play or practice with a club provided:
  - (i) The club, at the time the player is inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States, continues to carry such player as one of its active players and notifies the Commissioner to that effect at the time of said induction; and
  - (ii) Such player receives permission from his Commanding Officer in the military service to play or practice with such club.

(E) No club, nor any coach, representative or employee thereof, shall use or employ any mechanical or other equipment or device in connection with the staging or playing of any game, except such as has been normally and commonly used in games in former seasons in its League; no electronic magnifiers or loud speaker systems may be used or employed either from the stands, bench or sidelines to impart any information or instructions to players engaged in play on the field, but such instruction or information shall only be given orally or through substitution.

(F) No films of prior games shall be shown or displayed on or by means of television other than complete game films; such film shall not be stopped during any such showing; provided, however, that in the staging of a regular quarterback show of a club, clips or portions of game films may be shown. In connection with the showing of films, no employees, officer, owner or representative of a club shall make any comment or express any opinion, publicly or for publication, on the quality of the officiating or that any play shown was or was not illegal.

(G) No bonus may be paid to a player or players for winning a particular game; neither may remuneration or gifts of any kind other than those listed in the contract of a player, be announced, promised, or paid directly or indirectly by a Club, or by any person connected with or employed by a club; if players are employed by or connected with a club involved in a Play-Off Game, or the World Championship Game, then no

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remuneration or gift shall be announced, promised or paid until such game shall have been played.

(H) No blanket remuneration or bonuses shall be paid or given to players at any time.

(I) Players under contract shall not be required to report to training camp for practice prior to nine (9) weeks before opening game in the schedule of their League, except that the team participating in the Chicago Tribune All-Star Game shall be permitted to conduct its practice sessions in accordance with the provisions of the agreement covering the playing of the game.

(J) All clubs must pay the travel expense of the players to training camp, and if the player thereafter is included on the Active List of the club for the first League game, travel expenses to training camp for that player, if previously paid, may be deducted from the salary of the player. If a player is waived out, then the waiving club shall pay the travel expenses of the player for the return trip to his home, provided, however, that if the player is claimed by another club under waivers, or is sold or traded, then the club acquiring the player shall pay the travel expenses of such player incurred in connection with reporting to the new club.

## ARTICLE XI

## PLAYING RULES

## Official Rules

11.1 Official Rules. The playing rules for professional football conducted by the AFL and NFL shall be those set out in the book entitled "Rules Book for Professional Football as Conducted by the NFL and AFL."

## Amendment of Rules

11.2 Amendment of Rules. Playing rules may be amended or changed at any Joint Meeting if ratified or authorized by affirmative vote of not less than thirteen (13) clubs of NFL and eight (8) clubs of AFL, provided the proposed amendment or change has been presented to each League in writing thirty (30) days prior to the Rules Committee Meeting; otherwise unanimous consent of all clubs of both Leagues is required for any amendment to the Playing Rules.

## Rules

## Committee

11.3 Rules Committee. Each club in NFL and AFL shall have one representative only on the Rules Committee.

## ARTICLE XII

## ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

## General Rules

## of Eligibility

12.1 (A) No Person shall be eligible to play or be selected as a player unless (1) all college football eligi-

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vide for the loss of selection choices of the offending club in the next or in succeeding Selection Meetings up to and including the entire Selection List. All negotiating rights to the player or players so involved shall be awarded to the club lowest in the joint league standings, excluding the offending club, at the time of the last Selection Meeting.

(C) A diploma of graduation issued by a recognized college or university to a student under an accelerated course or program shall be acceptable for eligibility purposes despite the fact that the student actually attended such institution for a period of less than four (4) years.

(D) No free agent with college athletic eligibility remaining, who registers at a college for the fall term or semester may be signed to a contract by a club until the close of the next succeeding joint Selection Meeting, at which meeting he would be eligible for selection.

(E) No person who plays college football after the opening date of the training season in any year may play football in either NFL or AFL during the balance of the same calendar year.

(F) No person eligible for the Selection Meeting in any calendar year may be signed to a contract with a club in either NFL or AFL until the Selection Meeting in that year.

(G) A player, either under contract to or on the Reserve or Selection List of a club, shall be a member of the team of that club until the Commissioner receives notice from such club that other clubs in his league are free to negotiate or contract with said player. Upon receipt of any such notice, the Commissioner shall promptly notify all other clubs thereof. Until the notice is given by the Commissioner, no other club may sign a contract nor negotiate with such player unless prior written permission thereof has been given by the club owning rights to such player.

(H) Any player, whose contract with a club has expired, shall thereupon become a free agent and shall no longer be considered a member of the team of that club following the expiration date of such contract. Whenever a player, becoming a free agent in such manner, thereafter signs a contract with a different club in either the NFL or the AFL then, unless mutually satisfactory arrangements have been concluded between the two clubs, the Commissioner may name and then award to the former club one or more players, from the Active, Re-

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bility of such player has expired, or (2) at least five (5) years shall have elapsed since the player first entered or attended a recognized college or university, or (3) such player received a diploma from a recognized college or university prior to September 1st of the next football season of the League.

The Expression "recognized junior college, college or university" shall be interpreted to mean any college listed in the Blue Book of College Athletics, published by McNitt Co., Inc., 2442 East 4th Street, Cleveland 15, Ohio and/or the Education Directory-Higher Education-Federal Security Agency, Office of Education, Part Three, Washington, D.C.

The fact that a player has college eligibility remaining in another sport other than football shall not affect his eligibility under this section provided the player meets all other qualifications hereunder. Any player with college football eligibility remaining in accordance with the foregoing provisions hereof shall not be eligible to be selected unless such player gives written notice to the Commissioner of his intention on or before January 15th in that year stating his intention to graduate before the fall semester. Any player who fails to give such notice to graduate and then does graduate prior to the fall semester, cannot be signed to any contract; such players shall be selected in a separate selection meeting at a time and place fixed by the Commissioner, the order of selection to be determined either by lot or some other method prescribed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall have the right to change the date of January 15th above referred to, if, in his opinion, such change is necessary to properly conduct the selection meeting.

Despite the foregoing, if four college football seasons shall have elapsed since the player first entered or attended college and, if such player did not at any time during such period, participate in college football, such player shall be eligible for selection.

(B) No player may be signed to a contract or any other document (including a letter of intent), directly or indirectly, until completion of all football games, including post season bowl games in which the team of the school or college of such player is to participate and in which the player is to participate; such provision shall also apply to college football players competing in football in any season ending after the date when the original class of such player shall have been graduated. If a club violates this section, it shall be subject to punishment by the Commissioner; such punishment shall pro-

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serve or Selection List (including future selection choices) of the acquiring club as the Commissioner in his sole discretion deems fair and equitable; any such decision by the Commissioner shall be final and conclusive.

### *Rules and Regulations*

12.2 (A) A Club, at its option, may adopt individual club rules and regulations not inconsistent with or contrary to this Constitution and By-Laws or of its League and/or the Rules and Regulations of its League. The club shall give the player reasonable notice of all rules and regulations adopted by the club. Any club adopting rules and regulations may suspend and/or fine a player for violation thereof.

(B) Either League may adopt rules and regulations, and any rules and regulations so adopted must be printed on the reverse side of the standard form of player contract used by clubs in the applicable league.

### *Restrictions on Play by Other Employees*

12.3 (A) No person employed by a club as a coach, trainer or in any capacity other than as a player, may play for that club in that same year unless such person is listed and counted as an Active Player at the time of the first and in each succeeding player limit reduction.

(B) Whenever a player under contract or option to a club fails to report to that club prior to its first game, then such player, without the prior consent of the Commissioner, may not play with any club in that same league during that same season if said player played in any other league or with any other team other than a team in its respective league during that same calendar year, unless such other league or other club in which or for whom such player played is designated by the Commissioner as a minor league, the decision of the Commissioner shall be final.

(C) Whenever a player has played or coached football in Canada during any season either while as a free agent or as a member of the Reserve List of but not under contract to a club in either NFL or AFL, then such player may not play for any club in either league during that same calendar year, unless such player has first signed a contract and reports to such club prior to the first game of that club, and unless his play or participation in Canada occurred prior to the first game of that club; in any event, any player who shall have played in Canada cannot play or practice with a club unless (1) such player signs a contract with a club in either league and such contract is not disapproved by the Commissioner, and (2) such player proved to the satisfaction

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of the Commissioner that he is eligible to play in either league at a hearing conducted thereon by the Commissioner, whose decision would be final and unappealable.

(D) Any player who had played or participated in football in Canada while under contract, option or as a member of the Reserve List of any club and who did not report or was not listed as an Active player of such club at the time of the first game of such club, may not play with any club in either league during that same season, regardless of the circumstances thereof.

(E) No player under contract to a club shall be permitted to participate in any football game for or against any team, group or organization outside the NFL or the AFL, except in games officially approved and sanctioned by the league with which he is connected.

## ARTICLE XIII

## SCHEDULE

*Preparation*

13.1 Subject to the restrictions contained in the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the NFL, the Commissioner shall draft a schedule of regular season games in the NFL and shall forward the same to the clubs of the NFL as soon as possible after each Joint Annual Meeting; subject to the restrictions contained in the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the AFL, the President thereof shall draft a schedule of regular season games in the AFL and shall forward the same to the clubs of the AFL as soon as possible after each Joint Annual Meeting; such schedules shall constitute the official schedules for the games of each club in its respective League and shall not require any consent to or approval by any club or clubs in either League.

*Schedule Adjustments*

## 13.2 Schedule Adjustments.

(A) In the event a club ceases operating and a new franchise is then issued by the league with which it is identified to a new club to replace such former member, the new club shall be obligated to perform under the same schedule in effect at the time the former club ceased operations, whether or not the franchise issued to the new club is to be operated in the same city as the former franchise holder.

(B) In the event a club shall cease operations and the affected league does not replace such franchise by issuing a new franchise, or by the transfer of the former

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franchise, the Commissioner is empowered to make whatever adjustments in the schedule as he in his sole discretion decides are necessary, and all clubs shall be bound thereby.

*Change in Site*

13.3 Change in Site. When a game is scheduled in a stadium used for baseball, the Commissioner shall have the right to change the site of the game, whenever he concludes such action is necessary by reason of the probable participation of the baseball club in the World Series; in such event, the visiting club will be reimbursed by the affected League for any extra travel expense necessarily incurred because of such change, and the home club will be compensated by the affected League for any loss of revenue suffered by it as a result of such change in the site of the game. The Commissioner's decision shall be final and binding upon both of the affected clubs in respect to the need for and the amount of any such compensation or reimbursement.

## ARTICLE XIV

## SELECTION MEETING

*Time and Place*

14.1 A joint selection meeting of the NFL and the AFL shall be held at such time and place as the Commissioner shall designate. The Commissioner shall preside at the Selection Meeting and is empowered to settle any dispute or controversy involving or occurring in the Selection Meeting not otherwise covered by provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws or the Constitution and By-Laws of either league.

*Eligible Selectees*

14.2 The only players eligible to be selected in any Selection Meeting shall be those players who fulfill the eligibility standards prescribed in Article XII of this Constitution and By-Laws.

*Selection*

14.3 (A) At each Selection Meeting each club participating therein, shall select players of its own choice; selection shall be made by the clubs in each round in the reverse order of their standing.

(B) Reference in this Article to "standing" shall mean the standing of the clubs in each league in regular season games at the time of the Selection Meeting. Standing shall be determined by the percentage rating of games won as against games played in the season, irrespective of the league in which said games were played or the total number of games played during the season, provided, however, that the winners of any championship

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game played between the two leagues shall select last and the loser of such game shall select next to last in all rounds regardless of the record of such participating clubs in the regular season.

(C) One player shall be selected on each round by each club participating in that round.

(D) There shall be seventeen (17) selection rounds at each meeting.

14.4 Selecting Ineligible Player. If any club selects an ineligible player, such club shall lose the right to that player and to the selection choice for that year.

Selecting Ineligible Player

Reserve List—  
Selectees

14.5 Reserve List—Selectees. The selecting club shall have the exclusive right to negotiate for the services of each player selected by it in the Selection Meeting. Selected players shall be placed on the Reserve List of that club.

Selectee  
Returning to  
College

14.6 Selectee Returning to College. Any player eligible for selection at the Selection Meeting who is not selected, shall be eligible to sign with any club in either league; provided, however, that if any eligible selectee not chosen possesses additional college eligibility and thereafter attends college in the fall semester following the Selection Meeting, such player may not be signed by any club until after the close of the next succeeding Selection Meeting at which time he is eligible for selection.

League Policy  
on Playing  
with Another  
Club

14.7 League Policy on Playing with another Club. The NFL and AFL reaffirm a resolution passed unanimously in May 1935 by the NFL and which has been in effect in the operation of the NFL since that time, namely:

If for any valid reason it would be impossible for a player to play in the city by which he has been selected, or the player can show reasonable cause why he should be permitted to play in a city other than that designated for him, then through arrangements as can be made by sale or trade with another club, he shall be permitted to play in the city he prefers if the Commissioner approves his reasons as valid.

## ARTICLE XV

## PLAYER CONTRACTS

15.1 Standard Players Contract. All contracts between clubs and players shall be executed in triplicate and be in the form adopted jointly by the member clubs of the NFL and AFL. Such contract shall be known as the

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Contract

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stitution and By-Laws or of the league with which it is connected, or if either contracting party is or has been guilty of conduct detrimental to professional football. Any such disapproval of a player contract must be exercised by the Commissioner within ten (10) days after such contract is filed with the Commissioner.

**15.5 Promulgation.** The Commissioner shall notify all clubs from time to time of the execution of player contracts. *Promulgation*

**15.6 Prerequisite to Play and Practice.** No club shall permit a player to play in any game with its team unless: *Prerequisite to Play and Practice*

- (a) A Standard Players Contract, as described in S15.1, or in effect prior to the adoption hereof in either league, has been executed between the player and a club or the Players Contract has been properly assigned to the club, and,
- (b) Such contract or assignment is on file in the Commissioner's office or the Commissioner's office has been notified by telegraph of the execution of a contract or assignment.

## ARTICLE XVI

### ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYER CONTRACTS

**16.1 Method of Assignment.** A club may assign a player contract to another club in the same league by: *Method of Assignment*

- (a) Executing in triplicate the form of assignment prescribed by the Commissioner;
- (b) Delivering the assignment to the Commissioner, and
- (c) Notifying the Player of the Assignment of his contract.

**16.2 Notice to Player.** Written notice of assignment of his contract shall be delivered to the player in the form prescribed by the Commissioner, and a copy of such notice shall be filed with the Commissioner. Immediately following any assignment the player shall report to the assignee club as promptly as possible and shall perform services with the assignee club as prescribed in said contract. *Notice to Player*

**16.3 Salary Liability.** The assignor club shall be liable for such proportion of the player's salary for the season as the number of the applicable League games of the assignor club's regular season elapsed up to and includ-

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"PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL STANDARD PLAYERS CONTRACT as Conducted by the NFL and AFL." Subject to the provisions of S10.1 (C) (8) hereof, a club may delete portions of or otherwise amend the Professional Football Standard Players Contract subject to the right of the Commissioner to disapprove the same, as provided in S15.4 hereof.

**15.2 Amendment of Standard Players Contract.** The form of Standard Players Contract adopted by action of the NFL and AFL may be amended at any time by thirteen (13) affirmative votes or written consents of the member clubs of the NFL, plus eight (8) affirmative votes or written consents of the member clubs of the AFL; provided, however, that in the event such Standard Players Contract is amended or should a new Standard Players Contract be adopted, such action shall in no manner affect, change, modify or terminate any of the terms or provisions of any unexpired Standard Players Contract then in effect between a player and a club in either the NFL or AFL. *Amendment of Standard Player Contract*

All valid unexpired contracts in either league in existence at the time these provisions governing professional football are adopted by the NFL and AFL shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms hereof; whenever the AFL and NFL adopt a Standard Players Contract for use by the NFL and AFL in the conduct of professional football, such contract shall be the official Standard Players Contract of both leagues and shall be the only contract thereafter used by clubs of the NFL and AFL in any contractual arrangements with players executed after the adoption of the Standard Players Contract by the NFL and AFL.

**15.3 Filing.** An executed copy of each player contract must be filed with the Commissioner within ten (10) days after the execution thereof. The Commissioner's office shall stamp the time of receipt upon all contracts immediately upon the filing with the Commissioner. All other documents required to be filed with the Commissioner shall likewise be stamped immediately upon receipt thereof. Contracts in effect at the date of the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws shall not be affected by the foregoing provision if such contracts had been previously executed and filed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the applicable league. *Filing*

**15.4 Disapproval.** The Commissioner shall have the power to disapprove any contract between a player and a club executed in violation of or contrary to this Con-

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ing the date of assignment bears to the total number of games in the assignor club's regular season; provided, however, that whenever such assignment involves a player claimed as a result of a waiver, then the allocation of salary shall be subject to the provisions of §18.7 hereof. The assignee club shall be liable for the balance of the player's salary subject also to the provisions of §18.7 in respect to players acquired through waiver. For the purposes of this section, the date of assignment shall be deemed to be the date on which notice of assignment is delivered to the Commissioner as prescribed in §16.2 hereof, or the date when the player was notified orally of such assignment by an authorized member of the assignor club, whichever occurs first. In the event of a dispute as to whether or not oral notice of the assignment has been given by the assignor club, the burden of proving proper notice shall rest with the assignor club.

*Waivers*

16.4 (A) Waivers. If waivers are required for assignment of a player's contract, no assignment shall be effected and no notice of assignment shall be delivered to the player unless and until the club has been advised by the Commissioner that waivers have been granted by all clubs entitled to claim the player under the waiver rules.

(B) Whenever a club has been awarded a player through waivers, such club acquires all rights to the player owned or possessed by the waiving club, including any rights to the player's services for a succeeding season or seasons and, subject to the provisions of §18.7 hereof, the claiming club likewise assumes all obligations under such contract or contracts.

*Promulgation*

16.5 Promulgation. All assignments shall be promulgated by the Commissioner through bulletins sent to each club.

*Trading Deadline*

16.6 Trading Deadline. No club shall assign a player or contract after 4 o'clock P.M., New York time, of the day following the time when all clubs in the applicable league shall have played their sixth league game and for the balance of that league season, unless waivers shall have first been obtained from all of the clubs in the applicable league. The restrictions on trading under this section shall apply to players on the Active List, the Move List, and the Reserve List, but shall not be applicable to players on the Future List.

*Conditional Trades*

16.7 Conditional Trades. No trade may be made between clubs wherein the player traded may revert to or be traded back to the original club after the commencement of that regular season.

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*Trading Back*

16.8 Trading Back. Whenever a player is sold or traded to another club in its league, such player may not be sold or traded back to the original selling or trading club unless such player has either:

- (a) Been on the Active or Reserve List of the club in which he was traded or sold for not less than two seasons since the trade or sale, or
- (b) Been placed on waiver by the club to which he was sold or traded and was thereafter claimed on waiver by the original club, or
- (c) Become a free agent after the sale or trade and prior to reacquisition by the club originally selling or trading such player, or
- (d) Been on the Active List of another club in addition to the club obtaining such player under the first sale or trade and then was reacquired by waiver, sale or trade.

16.9 Approved by the Commissioner. No sale or trade by a club in either League shall be binding unless approved by the Commissioner. Immediately following such approval, the Commissioner shall notify all clubs in the applicable League of such trade or sale.

*Approval  
by the  
Commissioner*

16.10 There shall be no inter-league trading of players until January 19, 1970. Within the period January 19, 1970 and until 4 o'clock P.M., New York time, March 1, 1970, there shall be unrestricted inter-conference trading of players between the conferences which have been established by the League for 1970.

## ARTICLE XVII

## PLAYER LIMITS AND ELIGIBILITY

*Player Limits*

17.1(A) Subject to the provisions of §17.3 of this article, beginning August 1st of each year and continuing until the completion of the football season, no club shall have under contract more than sixty (60) players and no player may play with any team unless an executed contract with that team is on file in the office of the Commissioner, pursuant to the provisions of §15.6 hereof. This number shall include all veteran players upon whom options have been exercised for the applicable year, except a veteran player discharged from the military service subsequent to June 1st in the applicable year.

(B) On or before 4 o'clock P.M., New York time, of the third Monday preceding the first regular season game of the applicable league in each year, the limit of sixty (60) players shall be reduced to forty-nine (49) or less Active Players.

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(C) On or before 4 o'clock P.M., New York time, of the second Monday preceding the first regular season game of the applicable league in each year, the limit of forty-nine (49) Active Players shall be reduced to forty-four (44) or less Active Players.

(D) On or before 4 o'clock P.M., New York time, of the Monday immediately preceding the first regular season game in the applicable league, the number of Active Players shall be reduced to forty (40) or less.

Despite the foregoing, the following additional restrictions shall apply:

1. Whenever a player or players is or are waived in order to meet the reduction in the player limit from 44 to 40, or less players, none of the players waived in order to reduce the player limit from 44 to 40 or less can be recalled, provided, however, that once the club meets the required reduction in the 40-man player limit, and provided the time for filing claims on the players waived by such club shall have expired, then the club can recall waivers on any player for the balance of that season.
2. Whenever any player is waived injured following the date when each club is required to reduce its Active Player limit to 49 players, then for the balance of that season no such waiver request can be recalled and no claim on any such player waived injured can be withdrawn.
3. Any player who was an All-Star participant in the Chicago Tribune All-Star Game of that year, may be carried as an Active Player by the club without being counted until the player limit of 44 becomes applicable, despite the fact that such player competes in a pre-season game for the club.
4. No claim on a player may be withdrawn by the claiming club whenever it involves a waiver that occurs after the reduction in the player limit to 49 Active Players.

## Active List

17.2 The Active List, for the purposes of this Article, shall consist of all players eligible to play in any pre-season, regular league, play-off, championship or post-season game then under contract to the club within the applicable player limit as set out in the preceding section.

17.3 Players Under Contract. After the final reduction in the player limit to forty (40) Active Players and for the balance of that season, no club shall have more than forty-seven (47) players under contract, including players listed on the Future List and Move List, unless the player or players in excess of 47 is or are placed on the Reserve

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List subject to all of the restrictions applicable to the Reserve List.

## Move List

17.4 (A) Move List, for the purposes of this Article, shall consist of players who have been on the Active List of the club in that season and who have been transferred from the Active List to the Move List of the club at any time providing the club gives immediate notice to the Commissioner of such action. Whenever such notice is given, the player so named shall be immediately removed from the Active List of the club and placed on the Move List; any player placed on the Move List must remain on such list for a period of 16 days, but in any event, for not less than two regular season games of such club; no player may remain on the Move List for a longer period than five regular season games of such club. A club is not required to request waivers on any player in order to place the player on the Move List. The Commissioner shall notify all clubs of each listing of a player on the Move List of any club.

Following a period of 16 days, but in no event before two regular season games of the affected club shall be completed, the club placing the player on the Move List may transfer the player back to its Active List; however, if, during that period the club fails to exercise one of the alternatives hereinafter listed, the player may remain on the Move List for a maximum of five regular season games of such club; thereafter, on or before 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the Friday following the fifth regular season game of such club, the club must exercise one of the following alternatives:

- (1) Restore the player to its Active List;
- (2) Place such player on waiver, which waiver request may be recalled; if the waiver request is recalled, then the club must exercise one of the other four alternatives in this Section 17.4(A);
- (3) Place the player on its Reserve List.
- (4) Again list the player on its Move List, or
- (5) Waive another player from its Active List with no right of recall.

Despite the foregoing, a club shall be permitted to make only a maximum of ten moves to its Move List in any one season; a "move" shall mean every transfer of a player from the Active List to the Move List. If the move involves a player who had previously appeared on the Move List of the Club in that season, such new inclusion of the player shall count as one of the ten (10) permissible moves.

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17.4 (B) Anything in this Constitution and By-Laws to the contrary notwithstanding, following the completion of its regular season, a club shall be entitled to add two players to its Active List, from its Future List or Move List but not from its Reserve List, for participation in a Divisional Playoff Game, a Conference Championship Game, a League Championship Game or the World Championship Game, providing the players named are then under contract to that club and provided that club remains within the applicable player limit. No club may add such additional players to its Active List for participation in any Divisional Playoff Game, Conference Championship Game, League Championship Game, or World Championship Game who are either under contract to or on the Future or Move List of any other club in the League. The right to add such two players in accordance with the preceding language, shall entitle the club to name only a maximum of two players after the completion of the regular season, regardless of the number of post-season games in which the club participates.

*Future List*

17.5(A) The Future List, for the purpose of this Article, shall consist of all players under contract to a club, but who are not on the Active List, the Move List, or the Reserve List of that club.

(B) No player may practice with a club unless such player is signed to a contract with that club for the current or succeeding season or seasons. All contracts including contracts of players on the Future List must be filed with the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.3 hereof.

*Reserve List*

17.6 The Reserve List of each club may consist of a list of all players:

- (a) Retired while under contract to the club;
- (b) On the military service list of the club;
- (c) Selected in a Selection Meeting by the club but never under contract to it;
- (d) Suspended or declared ineligible, or expelled from the applicable league for violation of the contract between the player and the club, or for other reasons permitted by this Constitution and By-Laws or those of the league with which the player is connected.
- (e) A player on a club's Reserve List shall not be eligible to contract with any other club unless and until the player is released or his contract assigned as provided in this Constitution and By-Laws and of the league with which the player is connected.

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*Reserve List Limitations*

17.7 (A) Any player on the Active List of the club who reports to the club and is thereafter placed on the Reserve List by reasons other than Military Service, may not play with his club for the balance of that pre-season or regular season unless waivers have been asked on such player, which waivers may not be recalled; provided, however, that if such player becomes an Active Player with another club and such other club thereafter asks waivers on him, and he is either claimed, released on waivers or plays with another club in its league in that season, then the original club is entitled to restore such player to its Active List if it acquires him in a manner permitted by this Constitution and By-Laws or in those of the applicable League. If another club acquires any player from the Reserve List of another club, such player cannot play for the acquiring club for the balance of that season unless the acquiring club waives such player without recall.

17.7 (B) Additional Reserve List Limitations: Whenever a player on the Active List, the Move List or the Future List is placed on the Reserve List as an injured player, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) The player may attend the team meetings.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) below, such player may not participate in practice with any other Active Player or Players on the club for a period of ten weeks.
- (3) He may undertake such physical reconditioning or rehabilitation work as prescribed by the club doctor or trainer with the understanding that such right to engage in such reconditioning and rehabilitation activities does not permit the player to practice or participate with any other Active Player or Players.
- (4) Despite the foregoing, such player may practice without restriction during the last two weeks of the regular season.

17.7 (C) Whenever a player from the Future List of a club is placed on the Reserve List as injured within forty-eight (48) hours after such player clears waivers, such player may attend team meetings and practice with the club and perform all of the other duties of a player except that such player may not participate as an Active Player for that club or for any other club in the same or in any subsequent season unless such player is first placed on waiver without right of recall.

17.7 (D) Whenever a player from the Future List of a club is placed on the Reserve List as injured at any

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or option to a club. A Retired Player shall not be eligible to play football in either the NFL or the AFL until he shall have been reinstated by the Commissioner as provided in §17.14 hereof. Upon his reinstatement such player shall be eligible to play football only for the club entitled to his services at the time of his retirement, or its assignee.

**17.11 Military Service List.** Any player on the Active List for the first regular season game who is thereafter inducted into the armed forces of the United States shall automatically be placed on the Reserve List of his club and shall not count in the Active Player limit of said club nor be permitted to play or practice with the club until his reinstatement to the Active List, subject to the provisions of §17.14 hereof and §10.3 (D) (4).

**17.12 Suspended Players.** A club or the Commissioner may suspend a player for violation of this Constitution and By-Laws or those of the applicable league or for violation of his Standard Players contract or the rules and regulations of the applicable league or the club. During the period of suspension, a player shall not be entitled to a salary, and shall be ineligible to play with any club. Any player suspended by a club shall have the right to appeal to the Commissioner, who shall have authority to order his reinstatement upon such terms as he deems proper.

**17.13 Ineligible Players.** The Commissioner may, on application of a club, or on his own motion, declare ineligible a player who violates his contract, is guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of professional football, or who violates this Constitution and By-Laws or those of the league or club. Any ineligible player shall not be entitled to play for any club in the league until he shall have been reinstated by the Commissioner.

**17.14 Any retired, ineligible or suspended player or (subject to §17.11 hereof) any player on the Military Service List may make application to the Commissioner for reinstatement. The Commissioner shall promptly notify the player's club of such application and shall promulgate the granting or refusing of any such application. No Retired Player shall be reinstated during the last thirty (30) days of the season. Despite the foregoing language of the Section, a Suspended Player shall be counted on the Active List of the club unless such club either places the player on its Reserve List or waives the player.**

**17.10 Retired Players.** A Retired Player is defined as a player who discontinues professional football play in the league with which he is connected while under contract

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time after forty-eight (48) hours shall have elapsed from the time such player cleared waivers, such player cannot play or practice with such club for the balance of that season; except that in the last two weeks of that season he may practice with the club. Such player, however, may play with that club in the succeeding season or seasons without having to be placed on waiver.

**17.7 (E)** Whenever a player is placed on the Reserve List of a club for any reason the club must promptly submit a written report to the Commissioner stating the reason for such action. Upon receipt of such information, the Commissioner shall investigate the circumstances thereof in such manner as he deems appropriate; the Commissioner shall have the right to request further explanation or substantiation of the matter, and the club shall supply the same. In the event the Commissioner determines that placing such player on the Reserve List violated the provisions of Section 17.8 of the Constitution and By-Laws, or was improper or contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the applicable league, the Commissioner shall have the power to remove such player from the Reserve List and to take such other action against the club that he believes appropriate; additionally, when such determination is made by the Commissioner all expenses incurred by the Commissioner in any investigation thereof shall be charged against the involved club and such club shall be obligated to pay such expenses upon demand by the Commissioner.

**17.8 Evasion.** No club shall place any player on its Reserve List in order to evade the player limit.

**17.9 College All-Star Players.** Any player injured while a member of a pre-season All-Star squad in connection with a game approved by the NFL and AFL may thereafter be carried without being counted as an Active Player for the determination of the applicable player limit, and without requiring the club to place such player on its Reserve List; such privilege shall continue until such player is able to play football. If such player, after being listed and counted as one of the Active Players within the applicable player limit, has a recurrence of the same injury, then such player may again be carried as a player of the club without being counted as an Active Player or being placed on the Reserve List until he again recovers from such re-injury.

**17.10 Retired Players.** A Retired Player is defined as a player who discontinues professional football play in the league with which he is connected while under contract

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Players*

17.15 All players must be listed by the club on one of the following lists:

1. Active List
2. Move List
3. Future List
4. Reserve List.

The total number of players on the Active, Move and Future Lists of a club cannot exceed a total of 47 players at any time.

17.16 If a player leaves training camp within five days prior to the date of the first reduction in the player limit or after the date of the first reduction in the player limit, but not later than Saturday preceding the Saturday before the first Regular Season game, such player must return to his club training camp within five days from his departure or be subject to being placed on the Reserve List by his club. The club may, at its discretion, provide for the return of the player to its Active List by retaining a place on its Active List for said player. If the club does not retain a place on its Active List for such player and the player returns within such five-day period, the club shall be required to waive or trade the player in accordance with the applicable provisions of the league; however, should the player leave training camp after the Saturday preceding the Saturday immediately prior to the first regular season game of the club in that season, the club may, at its discretion, provide for the return of the player to its Active roster by retaining a place on its Active List for such player; should the club fail so to do the player cannot participate with that club nor with any other club in that league during that season unless such player is placed on waiver or traded by the club. Any other club in the league that is guilty of conversing with or in any manner tampering, directly or indirectly, with such player before or after such player leaves training camp, will be subject to the penalties available to the Commissioner under the provisions of Section 12.1(H) and Section 19.2 of this Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XVIII

## WAIVERS

*When Required*

Section 18.1(A) Clubs desiring to release players must first give written notice to the Commissioner of such intention. At 4:00 P.M., New York time, during each day, exclusive of Sundays, the Commissioner shall notify each club of such waiver request and any club desiring

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the services of said player may claim him. Regardless of the time when the league receives a request for waiver, the Commissioner shall not give the notice thereof to the clubs until 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the same or succeeding day. Clubs may claim a player placed on waiver by notifying the Commissioner within the waiver period. The waiver period shall commence at 4:00 P.M., New York time, and expire at 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the following day after July 31 and continuing throughout the playing season or at 4:00 P.M., New York time, two days thereafter during the training season prior to July 31; at any other time the waiver shall expire at 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the 10th day following the commencement of the waiver period, except that if waivers are requested on either Friday or Saturday at any time during the year, such waivers shall not expire until 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the next Monday. All waiver notices issued by the Commissioner during the training or regular season shall be sent by telegraph or teletype.

In the 1969 season, the Commissioner shall notify each club in both leagues simultaneously of each waiver request in the manner prescribed above. After the reduction in the player limit to 49, and for the remainder of the regular season, any club within the applicable league may, upon request, secure from the Commissioner all available salary information on any player for whom waivers have been requested, which information shall be supplied prior to the time for the filing of any claim on such player.

18.1 (B) Whenever a club claims and is thereafter awarded a player, the following rules shall govern:

- (1) Prior to Monday, 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the Monday prior to the first regular season game, the club to which the player is awarded must activate the player for at least one pre-season game or for seven days, whichever occurs first. If a player limit is applicable at the time of the award, and the club has a full complement of Active players within such limit, then following the award of such player the club must either:
  - (a) Waive another player from its Active List with no right of recall, or
  - (b) Place another player from its Active List on its Reserve List, subject to all of the restrictions applicable to the Reserve List, or
  - (c) Trade another player on its Active List.
- (2) If a club claims and is awarded a player at any

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- (5) If the player is recalled after 4:00 P.M. New York time, on the Thursday preceding the first League game, transferring another player on its Active List to its Move List."
- (6) Recalling the player placed on waiver and simultaneously placing the same player on its Move List.
- (D) Waivers may not be recalled on the same player more than once in any one year by the same club.
- (E) Whenever the Commissioner notifies a club that a player placed on waiver has been claimed, the Commissioner shall do so by telegram or teletype.
- (F) If such occurs during the non-playing season, whenever a club places a player on waiver, the waiving club within twenty-four (24) hours after the time for claiming has expired, upon notice to the Commissioner, may recall the waiver request and place the player on its Active List or on its Reserve List.

18.3 Players Waived While Injured. Whenever a player has been placed on waiver and is not claimed by another club, such player shall then become a free agent; provided, however, that if at the time a player is placed on waiver, the waiving club reports such player as injured and no other club claims such player, such injured player remains under contract to the waiving club until the expiration of such contract or until its termination by the club in accordance with the provisions thereof. Any player waived out as an injured player and not claimed by another club need not be counted as an active player by the waiving club until he is again placed on the Active List of the waiving club; an injured player so waived out and not claimed cannot be activated by the waiving club for a period of sixteen (16) days, but in any event not less than two (2) regular season games of such club.

*Multiple Claims*

18.4 Multiple Claims. If three or more league games have been played by all clubs in the league, and two or more clubs claim a player's contract after a waiver, the contract shall be awarded to the club whose standing in the league race at that time is the lowest. If three league games have not been played and two or more clubs claim a player's contract after a waiver, the contract shall be awarded to the club which finished lowest in the league standings in the preceding season. In case of a tie in the standing, the Commissioner shall award the contract by lot.

18.5 Waiver Price. The price of a player claimed on waivers shall be \$100.00. The claiming club shall, within

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time after Monday, 2:00 P.M., New York time, prior to the first regular season game and for the balance of the regular season, if the club at the time of such claim and award has a full complement of players under the applicable player limit, the club must either:

- Waive another player from its Active List with no right of recall, or
- Place another player from its Active List on its Reserve List subject to all restrictions applicable to the Reserve List, or
- Trade another player from its Active List, or
- If the award occurs after 4:00 P.M., New York time, on the Thursday preceding the first regular season game, place another player from its Active List on its Move List.

The exercise by the club of any of the foregoing alternatives must be taken within one hour following notification of the award of such player.

## Recall of Waiver

18.2 (A) Recall of Waiver. Subject to other provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws restricting the right of recall under various circumstances including the provisions of the succeeding sub-paragraphs in this Section 18.2, a club which has requested waivers may recall the request by notifying the Commissioner of such recall by telegraph or TWX within twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of the claiming period.

(B) When a member club asks waivers on an active player or players and said waivers are asked prior to a league game and do not expire until after or the day of said league game and the member club which asks the waivers has the limit of Active Players under contract for said league game, waivers may not be recalled.

(C) After the first reduction in the player limit during the pre-season (but excluding any reduction in the player limit from 44 to 40 players) and thereafter during the regular season, whenever a club has a full complement of players on its Active List after placing a player or players on waiver, the club requesting such waiver may not recall the waiver except by either:

- Recalling the player placed on waiver and simultaneously trading such player to another club;
- Placing another active player on the Reserve List prior to the recall of the waiver;
- Trading another player on its Active List prior to the recall of the waiver;
- Waiving another player on its Active List which waiver cannot be recalled, or

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on or released through waiver, such player may be signed and restored to an active status by any club in the applicable league, (subject to the provisions on waiver) including the club originally requesting the waiver on such player. In no event shall the player have the right to play again for the original waiving club unless a period of sixteen (16) days, but in no event, less than two (2) regular season games of the club shall have elapsed since the player was waived by the original club; provided, however, any player who was waived by a club during the reduction of the player limit from 49 to 40 may be reactivated at any time by the waiving club.

### *Notification of Requirement*

18.9 Notification of Requirements. If a player has an active contract and reports and then leaves the club, such fact must be reported to the Commissioner's Office within forty-eight (48) hours after such player has left the club. If not reported, the Commissioner, after verifying such fact, may request waivers on said player; such request for waivers may not be recalled. This provision shall not be applicable to any player inducted into the military service.

### *Notice of Expiration of Option*

18.10 Notice of Expiration on Option. No club shall permit any option on the service of a player to expire without exercising such option prior to the expiration date thereof unless such club, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the expiration of said option, places such player on waiver in the manner prescribed in this S18.1 and notifies the Commissioner of its intention not to exercise such option.

## ARTICLE XIX

### CONDUCT OF REGULAR SEASON GAMES

### *Game Receipts and Guarantee*

19.1 Game Receipts and Guarantee. The home club shall guarantee the visiting club a minimum of \$30,000 for each league game with an option to the visiting club to receive forty percent (40%) of the gross receipts after the following deductions:

- (a) All Federal, State and Municipal taxes assessed on the sale of tickets.
  - (b) A sum equal to fifteen percent (15%) (17½% in the AFL) of the gross receipts after deducting the taxes set out in (a) above.
- "Gross Receipts", as used in this Section, shall mean all receipts derived from the sale of tickets, including service charges. Receipts of the Home Club from the sale of season tickets shall be included in the gross receipts from each game

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twenty-four (24) hours of notification by the Commissioner that the player's contract has been awarded to it, forward to the waiving club its check for the waiver price, and an assignment of the player's contract shall be executed promptly by the two clubs.

### *Waiver Request*

18.6 Waiver Request. If the request for waivers occurs either during the training season or the regular season, the waiver request must be by telegraph or teletype. During the non-playing season, a waiver request may be by mail and the time stamped upon receipt of any such mailing by the Commissioner shall determine the date of the request. Despite the fact that a telegram be delayed, misdirected or lost by the telegraph company, the time of delivery to the Commissioner thereof shall fix the date of the request. Clubs shall have the right to telephone the Commissioner's office and give oral notice that a written or telegraphic request for waiver has been given; in such event the time of the telephone call shall fix the date for the giving of notice of a waiver.

### *Salary of Claimed Player*

18.7 Salary of Claimed Player. Each player under contract to a club must be paid a full game salary by such club unless a request for waivers on such player is sent by such club and received by the Commissioner's office prior to 4:00 P.M., New York time on the Tuesday and/or before 4:00 P.M., New York time on the Tuesday following the playing of a League game in the applicable league; if any other club claims such player and such player is thereafter awarded to such claiming club, such claiming club shall assume the player contract and be responsible for the balance of the salary of such player as prescribed therein; provided, however, that whenever the contract of such player provides that a portion of the salary is deferred, then the claiming club shall assume and be responsible for only that portion of the deferred salary that has not already accrued to such player; in the event the contract on such player provides for the payment of any bonus on a deferred basis, the claiming club shall not be liable for the payment of any portion thereof, but such obligation for payment shall remain with the waiving club.

### *Restoration of Waived Player*

18.8 (A) Restoration of Waived Player. If after being waived out, a player becomes an Active Player with another club in the applicable league in the same season and such player remains with such other club as an Active Player for not less than two pre-season or regular season games and is paid a salary by such other club while playing for it, and thereafter such player is placed

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19.8 Sunday Games. After the first two week-ends of the regular season, all regular season games shall be played on Sunday unless both competing clubs agree to a change in the day of the game, or unless such date is affected by World Series play; in such event the day of the game may be changed from Sunday.

*Sunday Games*

19.9 Starting Times. The starting times for all regular season games shall be fixed by the Home Club.

*Starting Times*

19.10 Introduction of Players. Eleven players of each of the competing clubs must be publicly introduced prior to the start of the game, except where inclement weather prevents or interferes with such introduction.

*Introduction of Players*

19.11 Complimentary Tickets. No club may issue more than one thousand (1,000) complimentary tickets for any regular season game unless:

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(a) The issuing club pays for all complimentary tickets issued in excess of one thousand (1,000).

(b) The complimentary tickets are issued to children under 16 years of age; if such tickets to children under 16 are issued free or as complimentary tickets, the children must be required to sit in the same section of the stadium, or

(c) The complimentary tickets are issued to the working press, hospitalized veterans, bands, employees, or League passes;

The foregoing limitation on complimentary tickets applies only to tickets that could be sold and not to other types of admission tickets.

*Tickets for Players*

19.12 Tickets for Players. Each player of the home club is entitled to receive one complimentary ticket for each home game; the home club shall not issue any tickets to the visiting club, directly or indirectly, except when full payment is made for such tickets.

19.13 Field Tarpaulin. All clubs must provide and have available a tarpaulin adequate to cover the entire playing area of the field, and must exercise reasonable care and diligence in arranging for the use thereof whenever the weather is apt to render unfit or endanger the playing condition of the home field.

*Field Tarpaulin*

## ARTICLE XX

### PRE-SEASON AND POST-SEASON GAMES

20.1 Post-Season Games. No club shall participate in any game after the World Championship Game shall

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equally in proportion to the number of regular season games scheduled by the Club after the adjustment of any pre-season game moneys included in the cost of the season ticket.

19.2 Conduct of Game. Each club shall play all of its regular League games at the time and places provided for in the official schedule of the leagues. There shall be no postponement of any game unless said game cannot be played because of an Act of God or because of a State, Federal or local prohibition. Neither the starting time of a game nor the locale of the game shall be changed in any manner after the adoption of the schedule and the publication thereof, except with the written consent of both clubs and the prior approval of the Commissioner.

*Conduct of Game*

19.3 Players Bench. No persons shall be permitted to sit on the players bench except owners, coaches, players, club house attendants, trainers and doctors of the participating teams.

*Players Bench*

19.4 Side Line Admission. No person shall be permitted on the side lines except photographers, reporters, stadium employees and police, all of whom shall be required to wear proper identification. A maximum of twelve (12) side line passes per game will be issued to each club participating therein.

*Side Line Admission*

19.5 Medical Facilities. The home team shall provide a physician and an ambulance at each game available to both teams; said ambulance facilities shall be located at or adjacent to the stadium with the driver in attendance in the ambulance for the use of both competing teams.

*Medical Facilities*

19.6 Player Attire. All players of a team shall be uniformly and neatly attired for all games; all players on the same team must wear the same color jersey, head guards and stockings, except that a club, at its option, may permit all eligible pass receivers to wear a different color head gear than the rest of the team. If a different color is worn by any eligible pass receiver of a club, all of the eligible receivers must wear the same color. Players must wear stockings in all games. The Commissioner must approve in advance any changes in the colors of the clubs. Every player appearing on the field during the game or in any pre-game workout preceding the game must wear his complete game outfit exclusive of pads and helmet.

*Player Attire*

19.7 Seats for Visiting Club. The home club must reserve ten (10) seats for the visiting club located within the 40 yard lines.

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have been played, except that the club winning the World Championship Game must play any non-league game contracted for by the applicable league.

### Prohibited Games

20.2 Prohibited Games. No club may play a game of any kind, including All-Star or games with clubs which are not members of the NFL or the AFL, after such club has played its first regular season game in its league in the applicable year.

### Player Participation

20.3 Player Participation. Except for games sanctioned and approved by the applicable league, no player may participate in any game between the time of the completion of the last regular season or authorized post-season game of his club and July 1st of the following year.

### Officials

20.4 Officials. The home club shall pay officials the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) each for officiating in each pre-season game, as well as all travel and other expenses of officials incurred in connection therewith.

### World Championship Game

20.5 (A) A World Championship Game shall be played each year commencing in January 1967 between the champion of the NFL and the champion of the AFL; said game shall be played under the supervision, control and direction of the Commissioner. All questions arising in connection with said game not expressly provided for by the provisions hereof or by agreement between the two leagues shall be decided by the Commissioner.

(B) The site of the World Championship Game shall be fixed by the affirmative vote of not less than thirteen (13) members of the NFL and eight (8) members of the AFL. A formula for the allocation of the income to player shares, the pension funds of the two leagues and the participating clubs shall be determined by the affirmative vote of not less than thirteen (13) members of the NFL and eight (8) members of the AFL. The remaining income resulting from this game will be divided equally between the two leagues.

### Pre-Season Games

20.6 (A) No club in either league shall schedule a pre-season game without the approval of the Commissioner. The pre-season schedule shall be completed and the dates and participants named at the annual joint meeting of both leagues.

(B) In scheduling pre-season games, the Commissioner and all clubs in both leagues shall be bound by all other restrictions on pre-season scheduling contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the applicable league;

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provided, however, that whenever provisions in the Constitution and By-Laws of either the NFL or the AFL conflict with the terms of this Article XX, the provisions hereof shall prevail.

(C) Each club in the AFL shall play at least one pre-season game each year with a team in the NFL.

## ARTICLE XXI

### NOTICES

21.1 Type of Notice. Unless the Constitution and By-Laws specify a different form or method of notice, all notices required to be given under any provision of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be in writing or by teletype, addressed to the last known address of the addressee; all notices by mail shall be deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage thereon prepaid.

*Type of Notice*

## ARTICLE XXII

### AMENDMENT OF

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*Amendment After Notice*

22.1 The provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended by the affirmative votes of not less than thirteen (13) clubs of the NFL, plus eight (8) clubs of the AFL, provided such amendment or alteration was previously submitted in writing to both leagues, either by a member club no less than thirty (30) days prior to any Joint Annual Meeting, or by the Commissioner not less than twenty (20) days prior to such Joint Annual Meeting.

22.2 This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended by a unanimous vote of all the clubs of the NFL and the AFL at any meeting, special, annual or otherwise.

*Amendment Without Notice*

*Special Provisions*

22.3 Anything in this Constitution and By-Laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of Article VII and of this S22.3 may not be altered or amended without the unanimous consent of all clubs of the NFL and AFL.

22.4 Whenever an amendment or alteration to the Constitution and By-Laws is submitted for approval, such must indicate the author of the proposal.

*Name of Proposer*

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